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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

COMPARING ACCESS CONTROL LISTS FOR CONFIGURING A SECURITY POLICY

ON A NETWORK

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

These remarks are filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the final Office Action mailed October 31, 2006, the shortened statutory period for which runs until January 31, 2007. A petition for a three-month extension of time is hereby made.

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